a. a supporting section secured in position on a portion, each supporting section being a supporting link; and

b. an articulated link attached through a joint to each of said supporting links; wherein said articulated links of said first and second link assemblies are attached to each other through a pivot joint, with said articulated link of said first assembly extending beyond said pivot point;

a casing attached to a link in said first link assembly;

a tendon extending through said casing and attached to a link in said second link assembly, wherein said tendon is attached to said articulated link in said second assembly on one side of said pivot joint.

REMARKS

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment pursuant to Rule 115 and following a telephone interview with the Examiner on March 9, 2000, wherein the Examiner indicated that the Preliminary Amendments of November 15, 1999 and January 19, 2000 were not entered. After entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 15-25 are pending in the application.

No new matter has been added by these Amendments.

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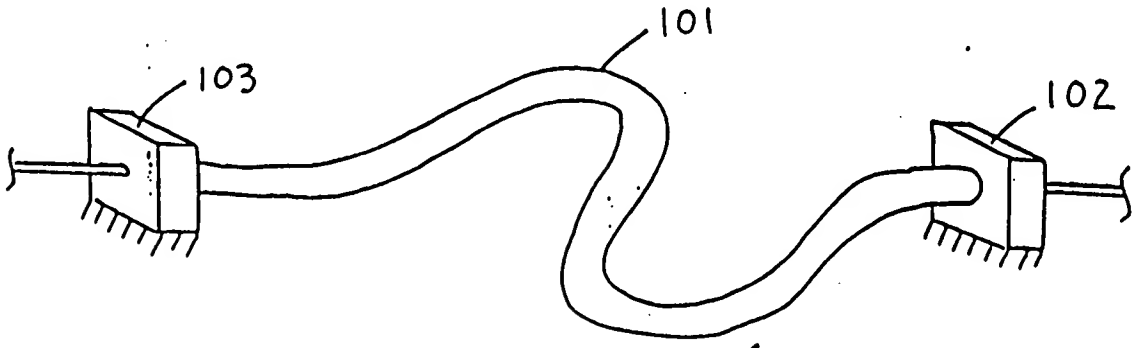

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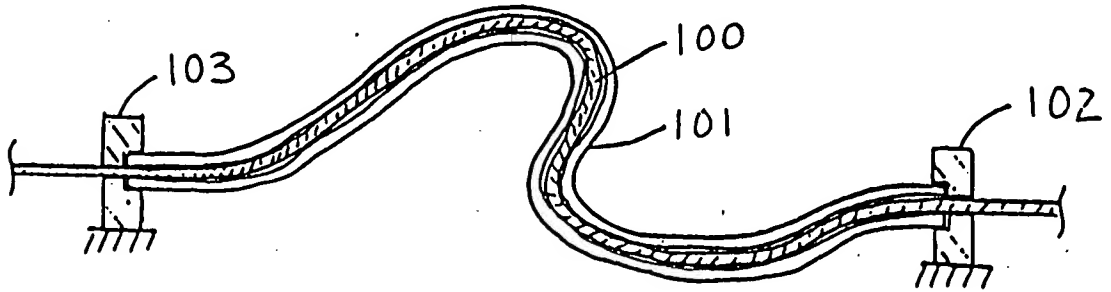

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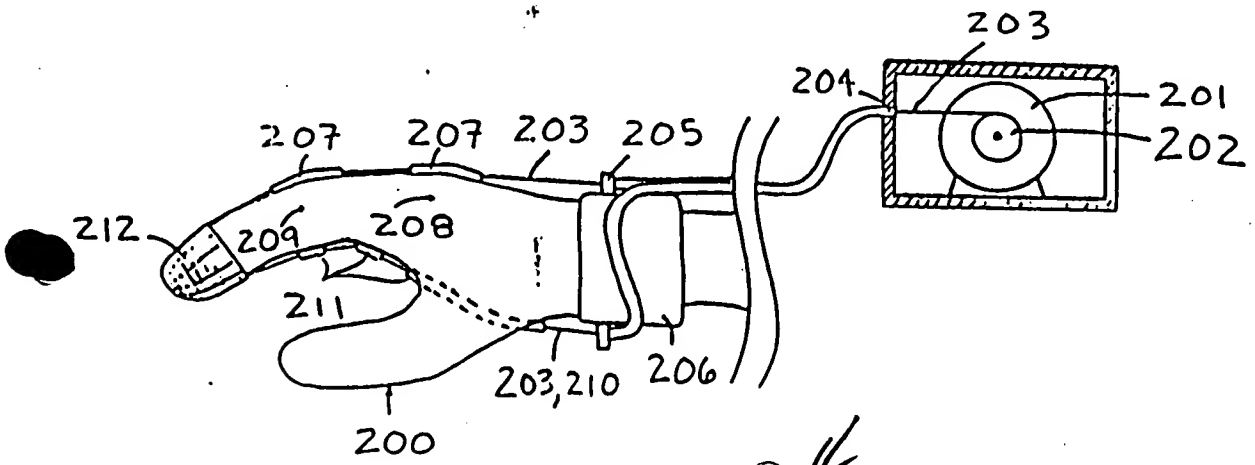

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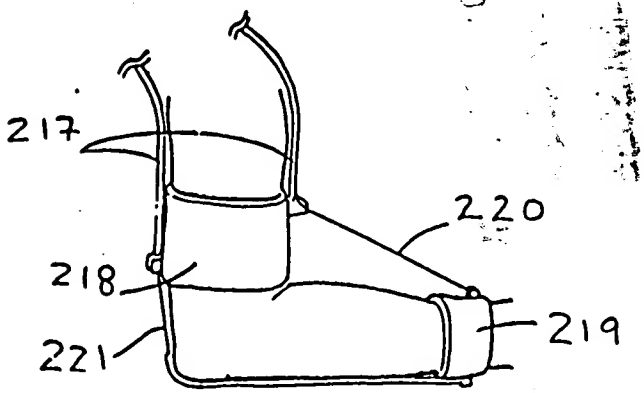

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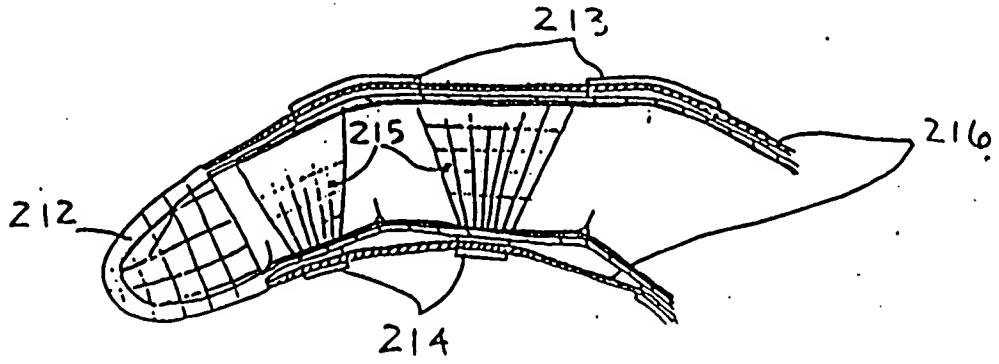

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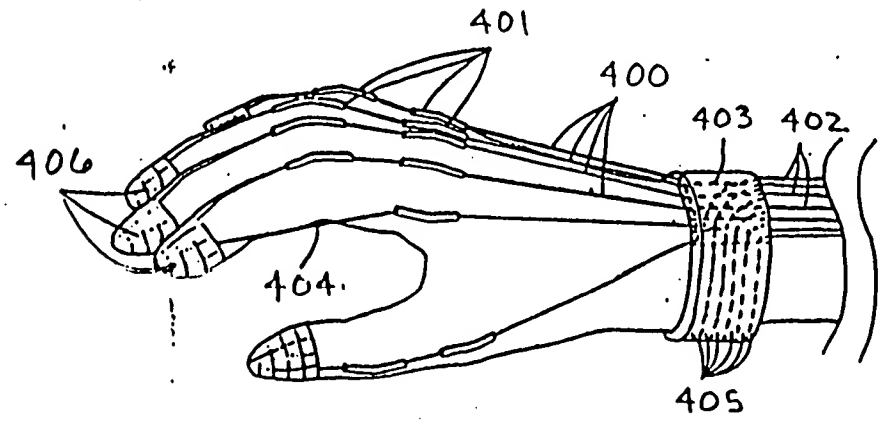

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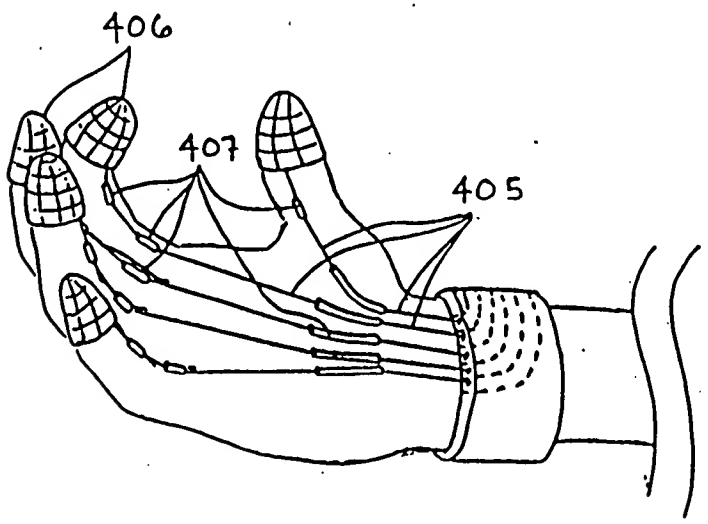

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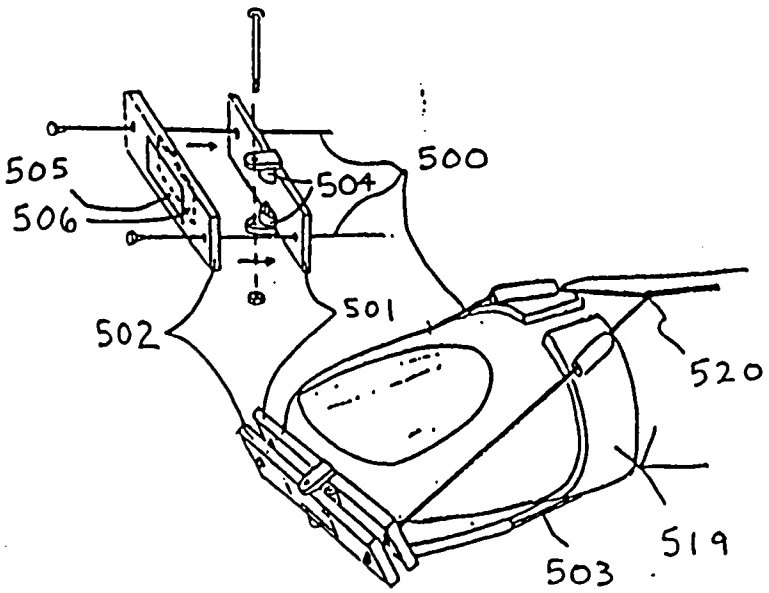

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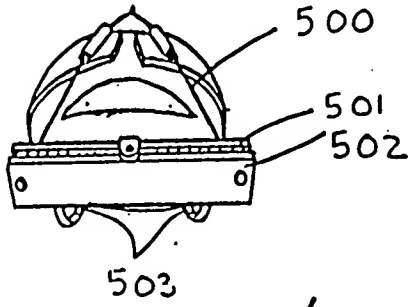

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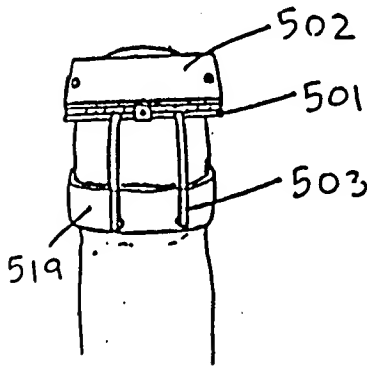

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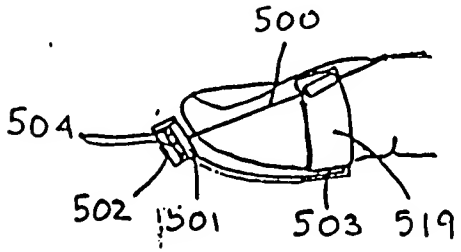

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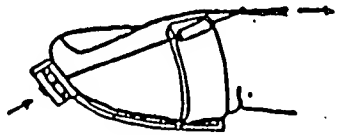

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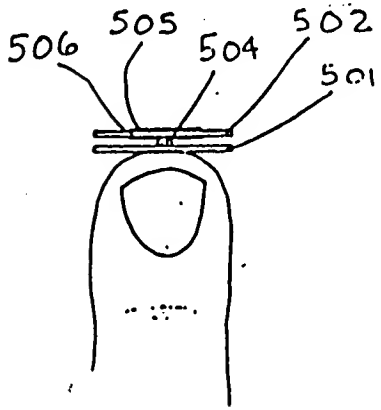

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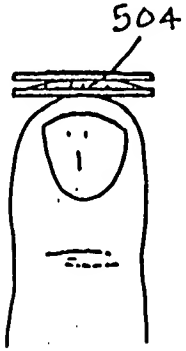

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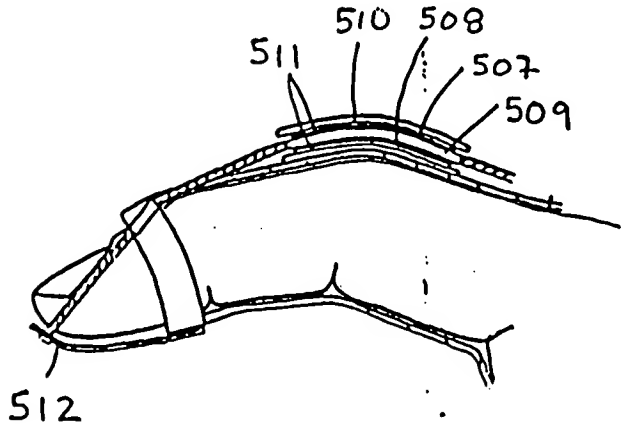

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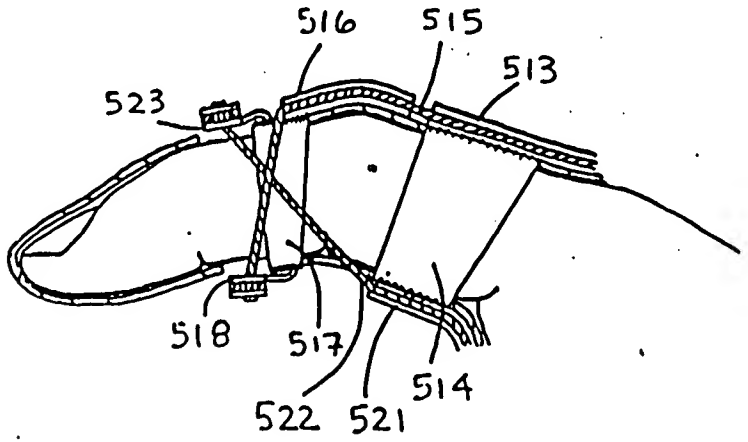

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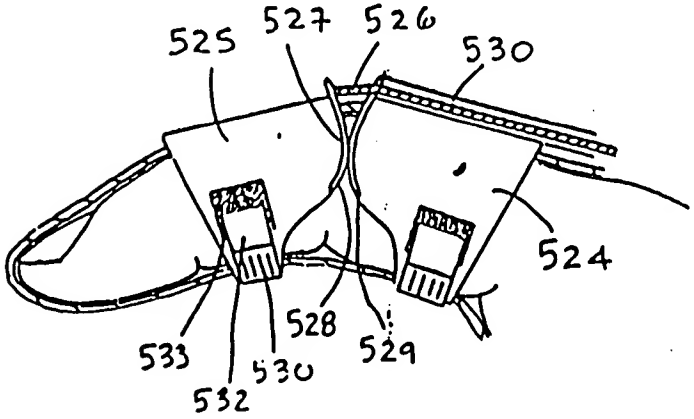

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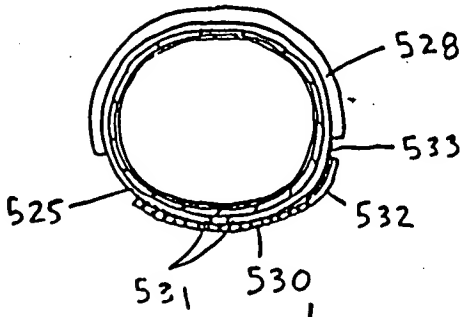

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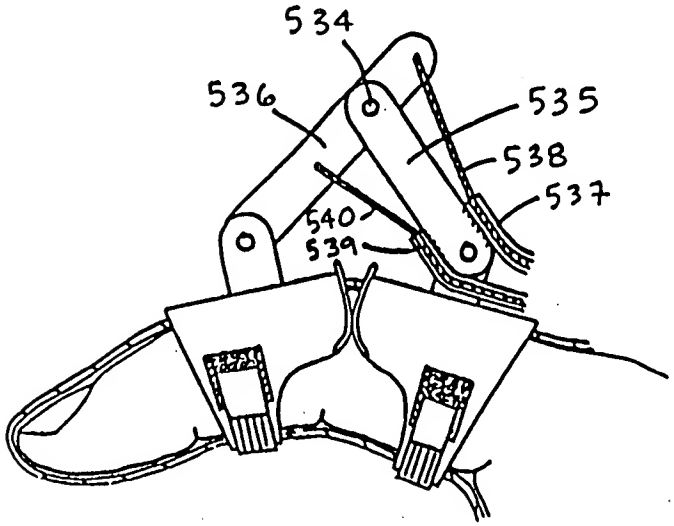

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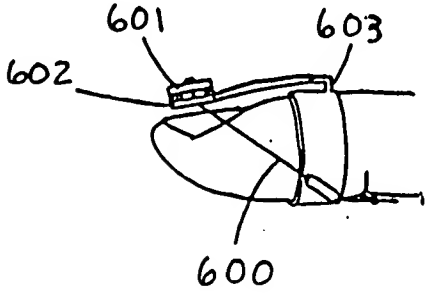

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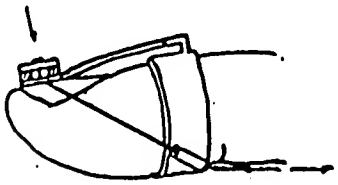

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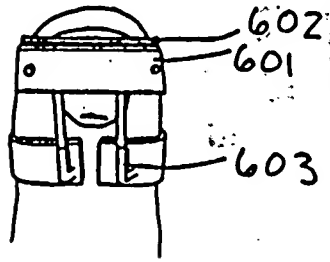

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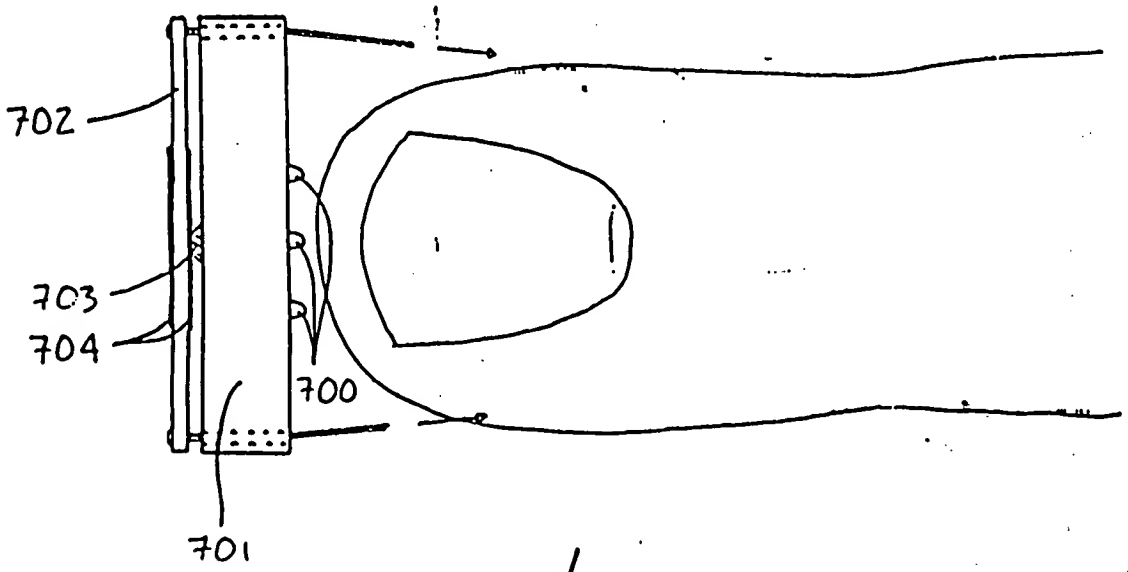

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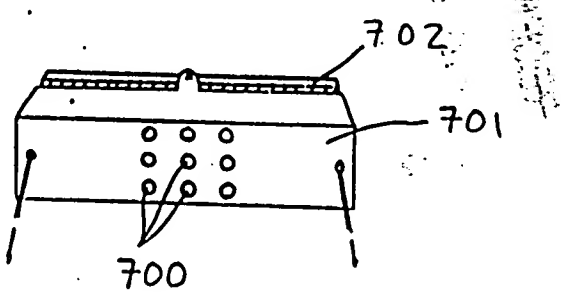

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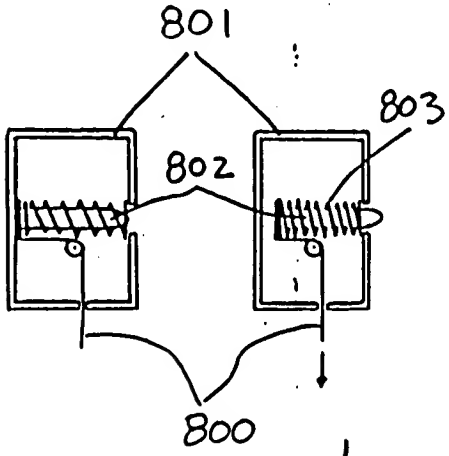

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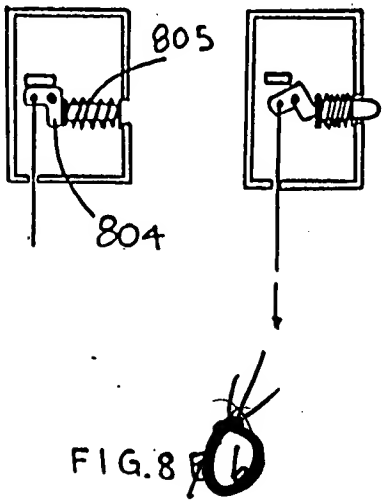

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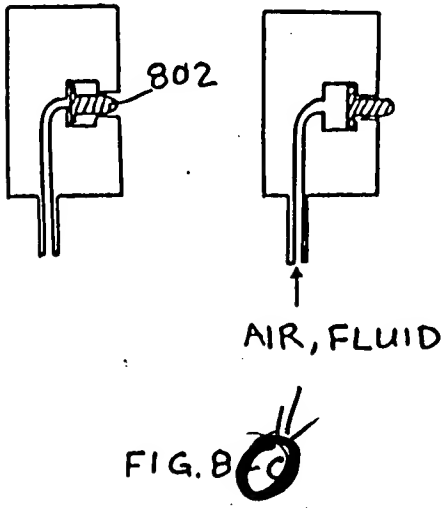

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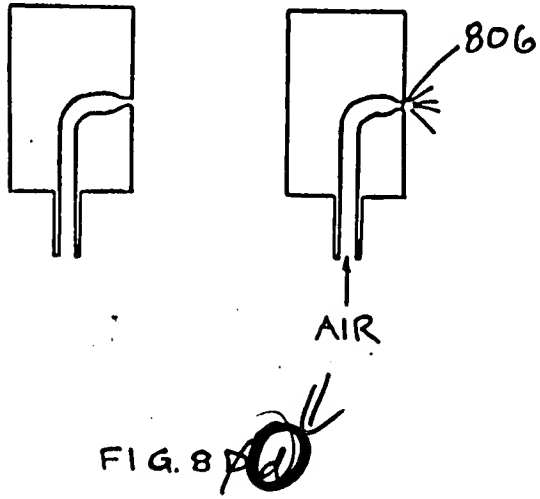

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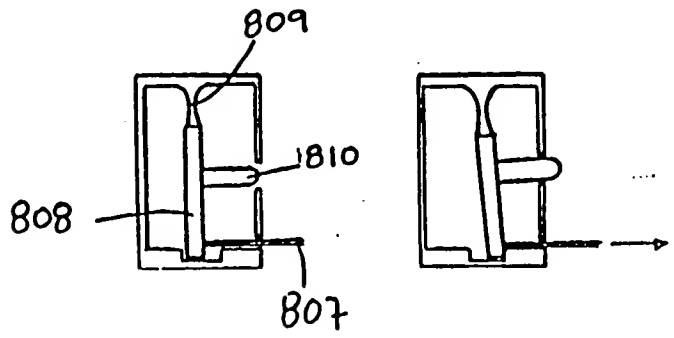

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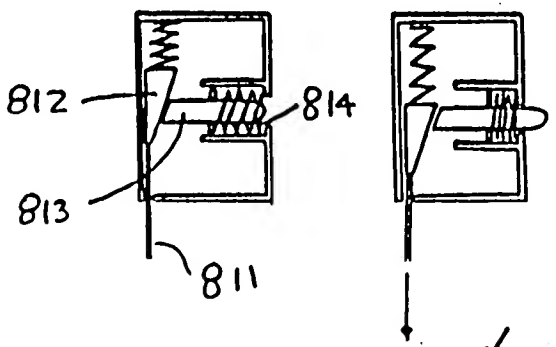

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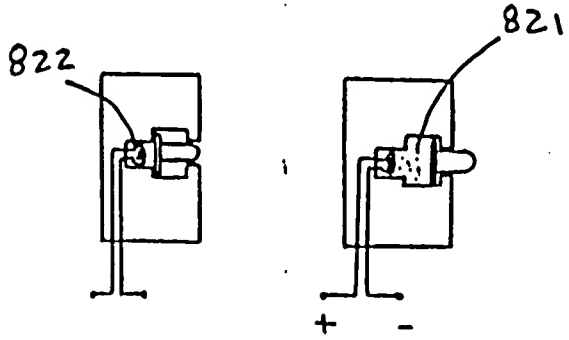

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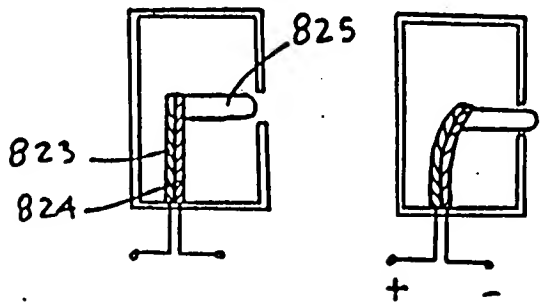

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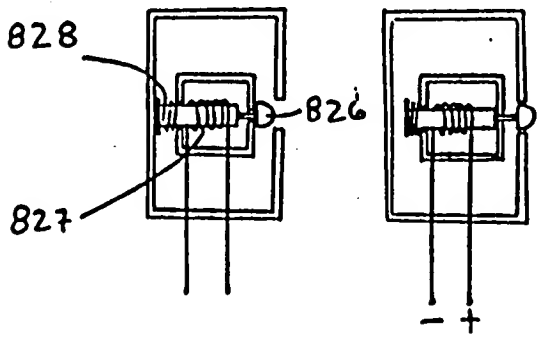

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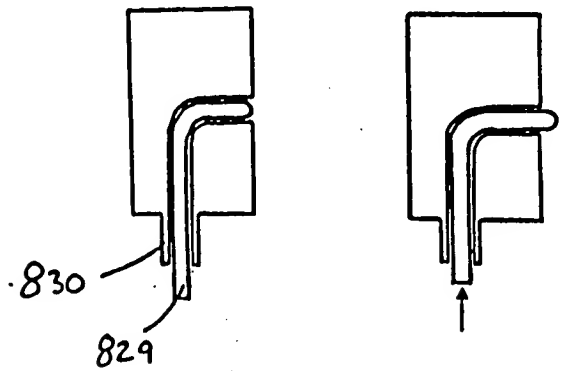

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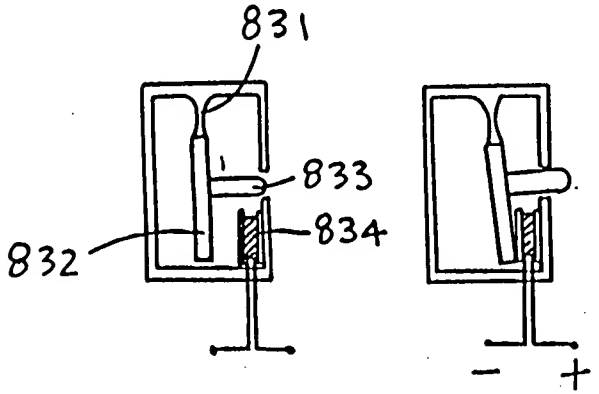

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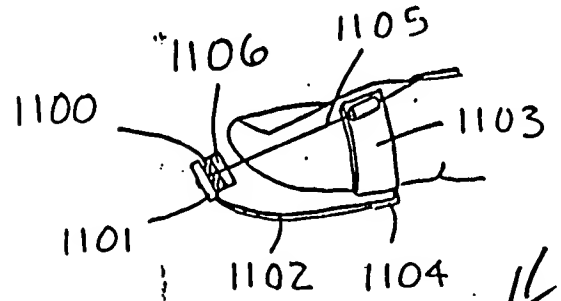

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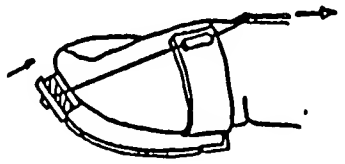

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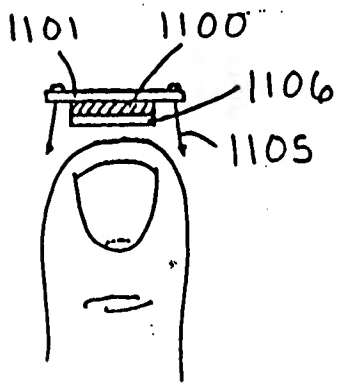

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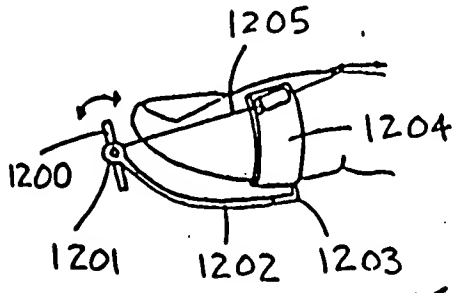

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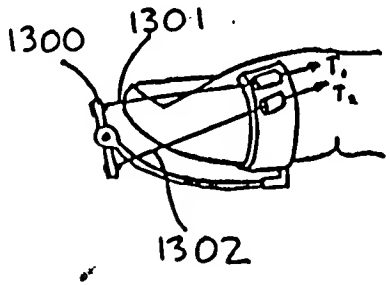

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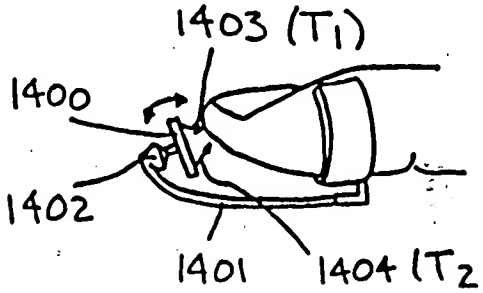

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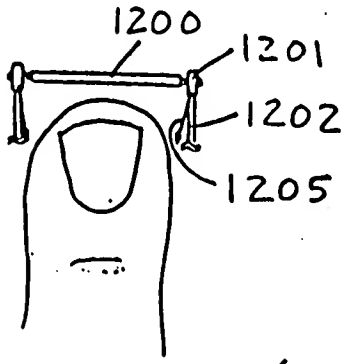

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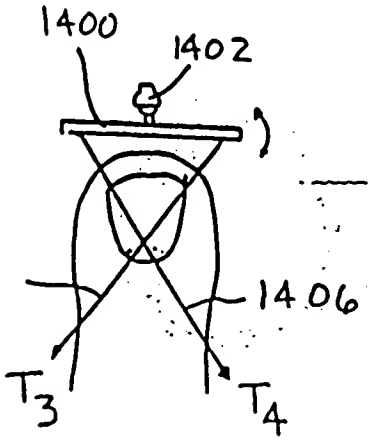

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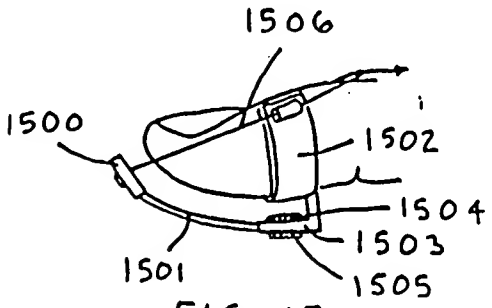

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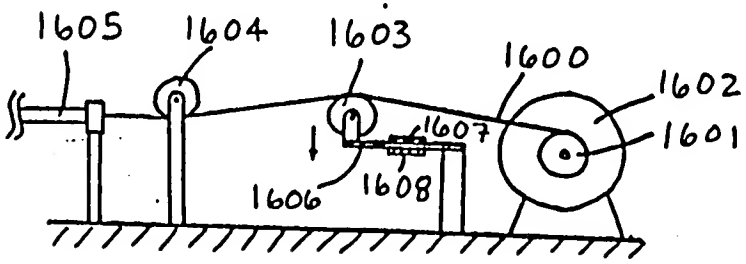

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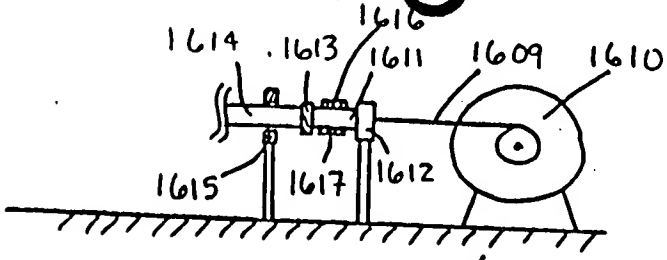

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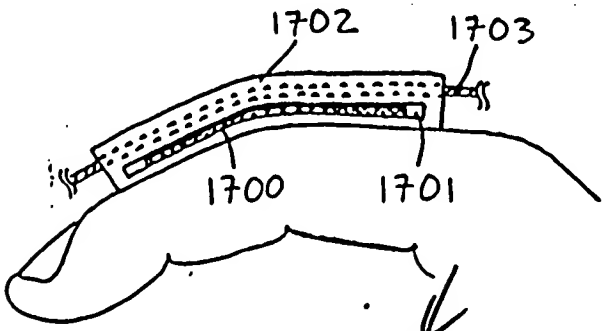

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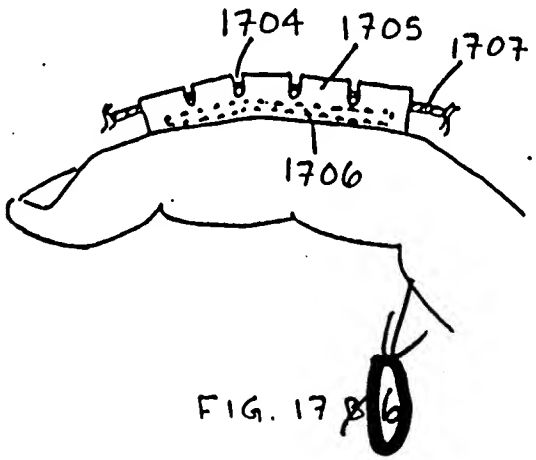

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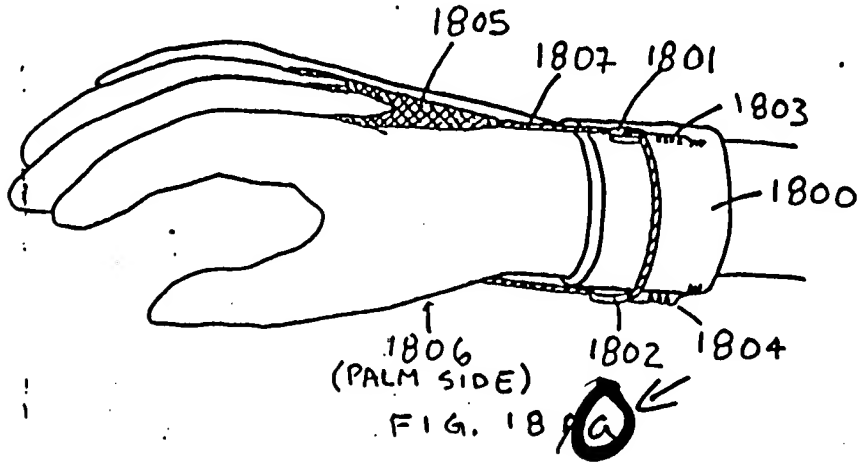

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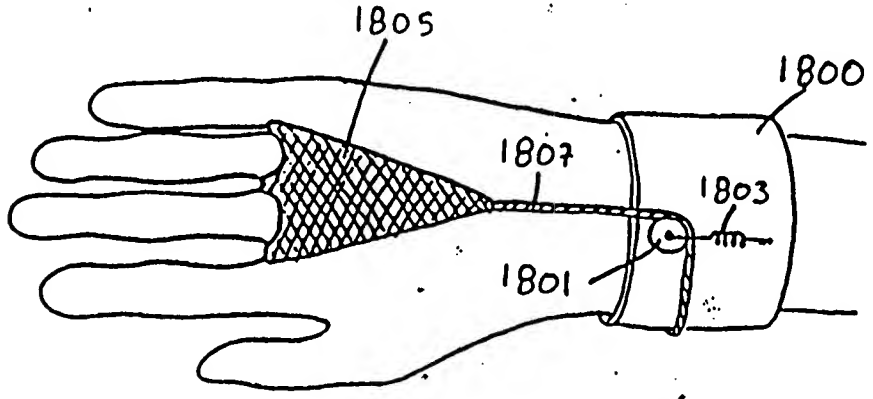

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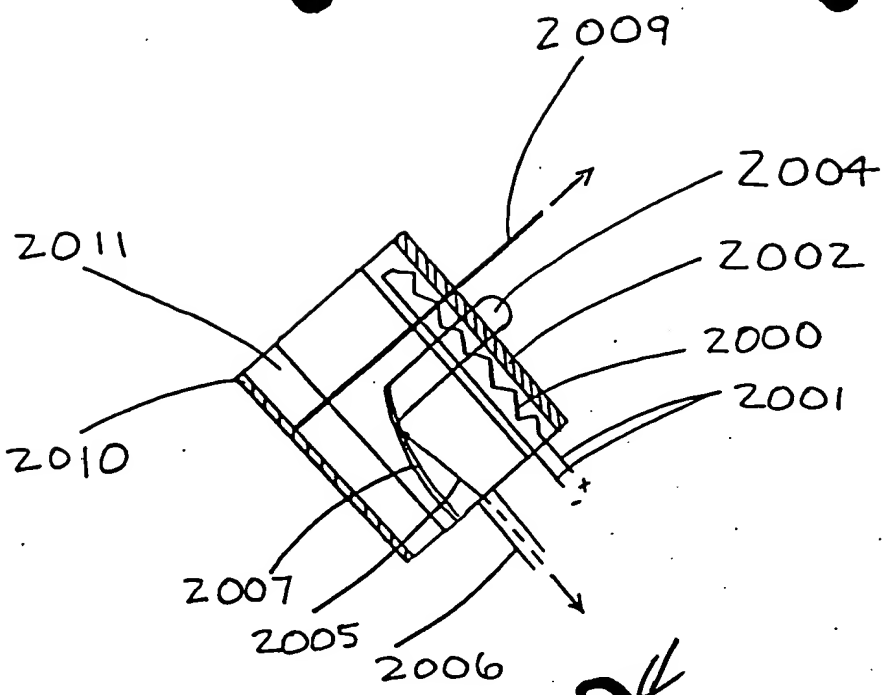

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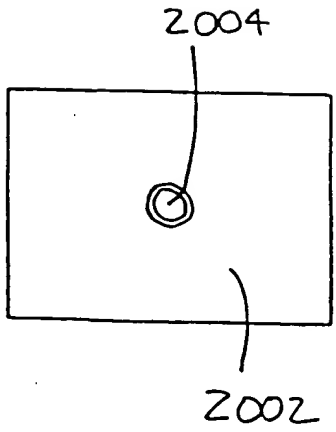

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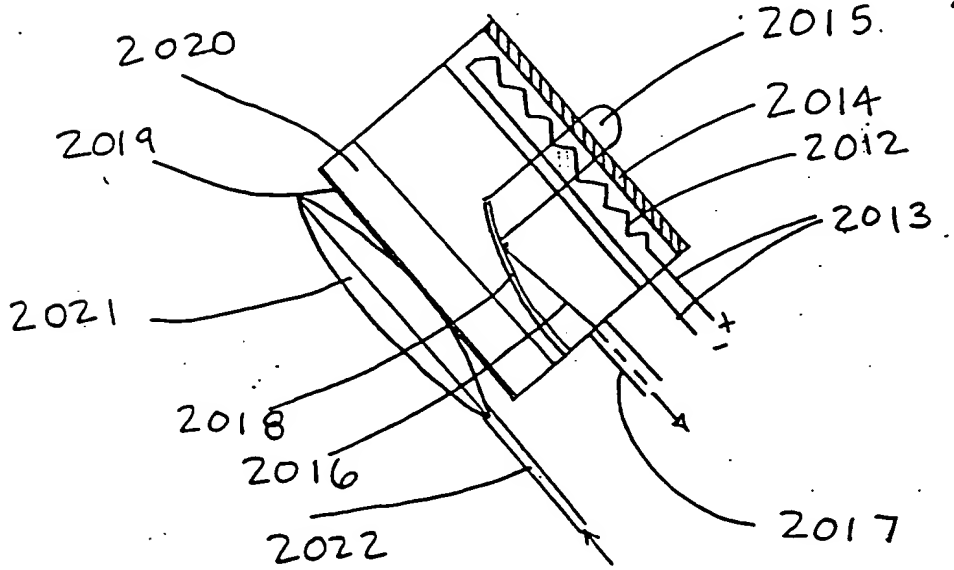

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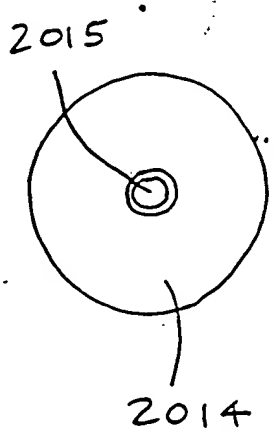

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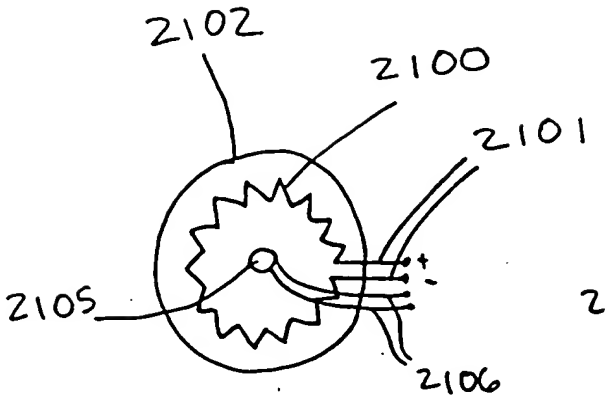

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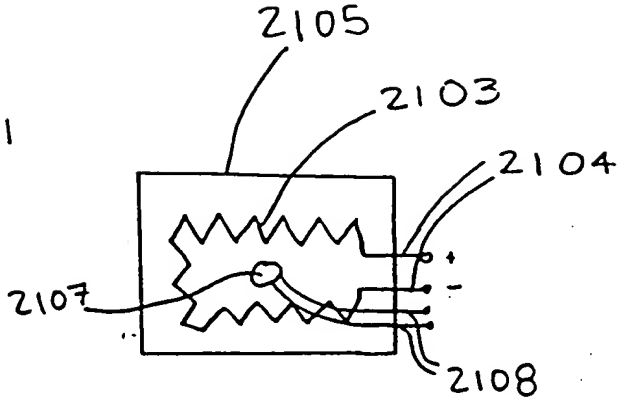

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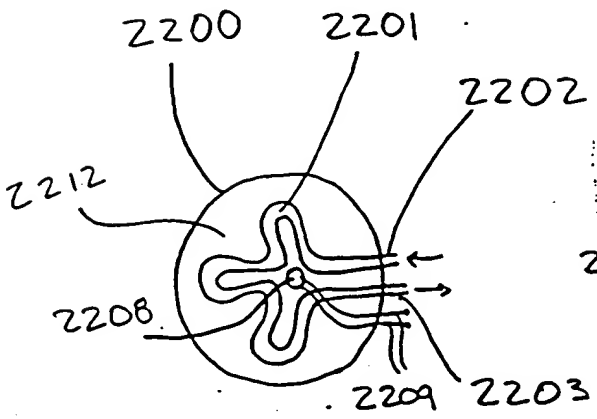

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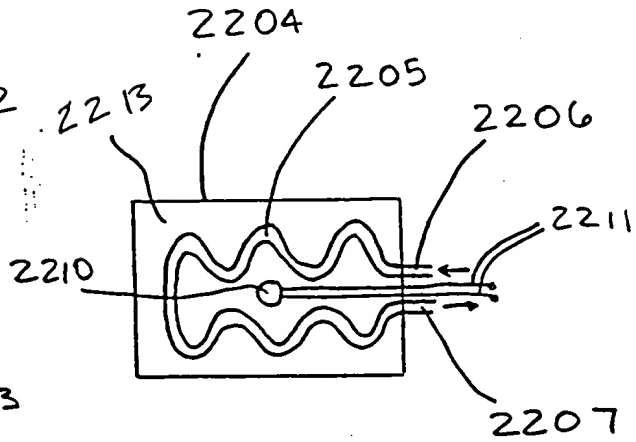

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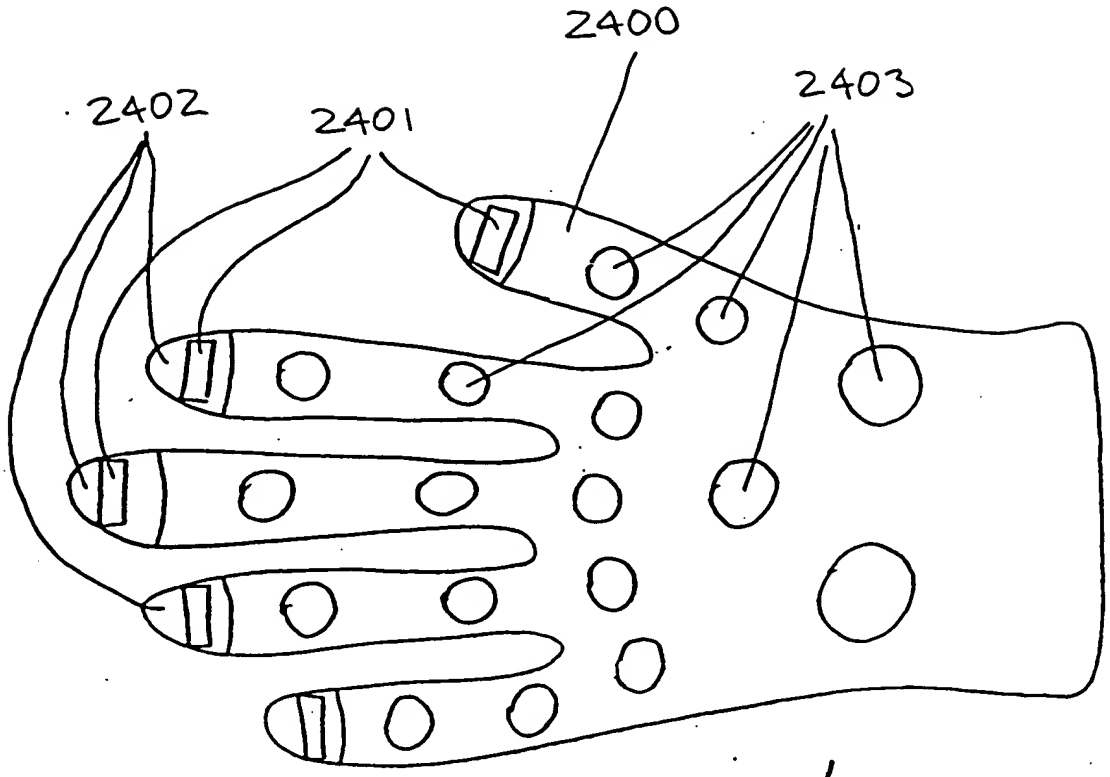

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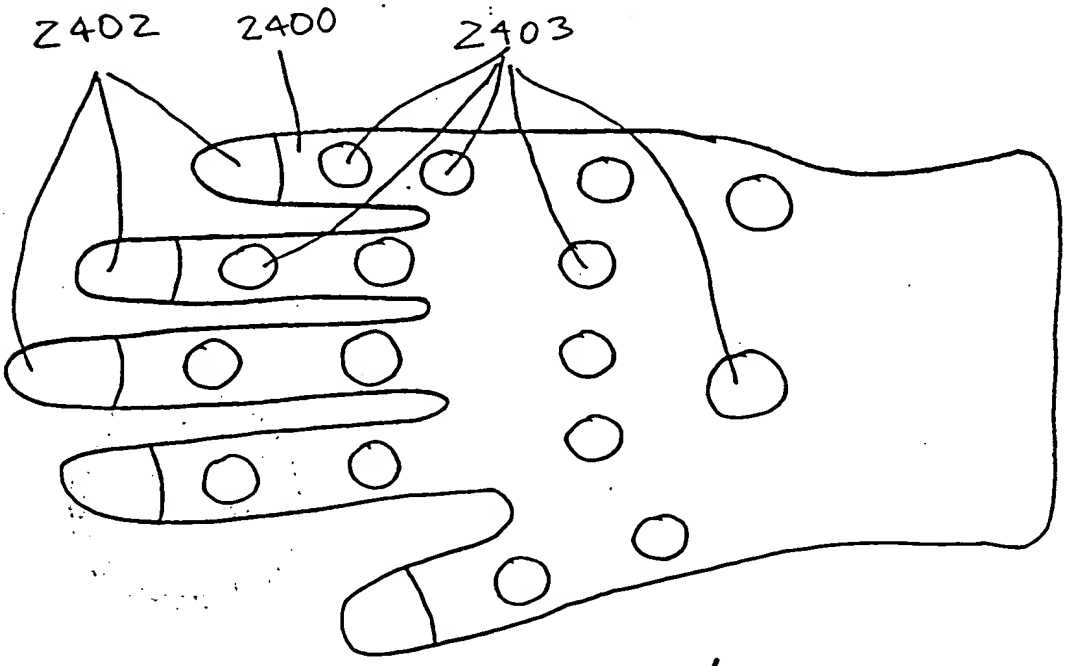

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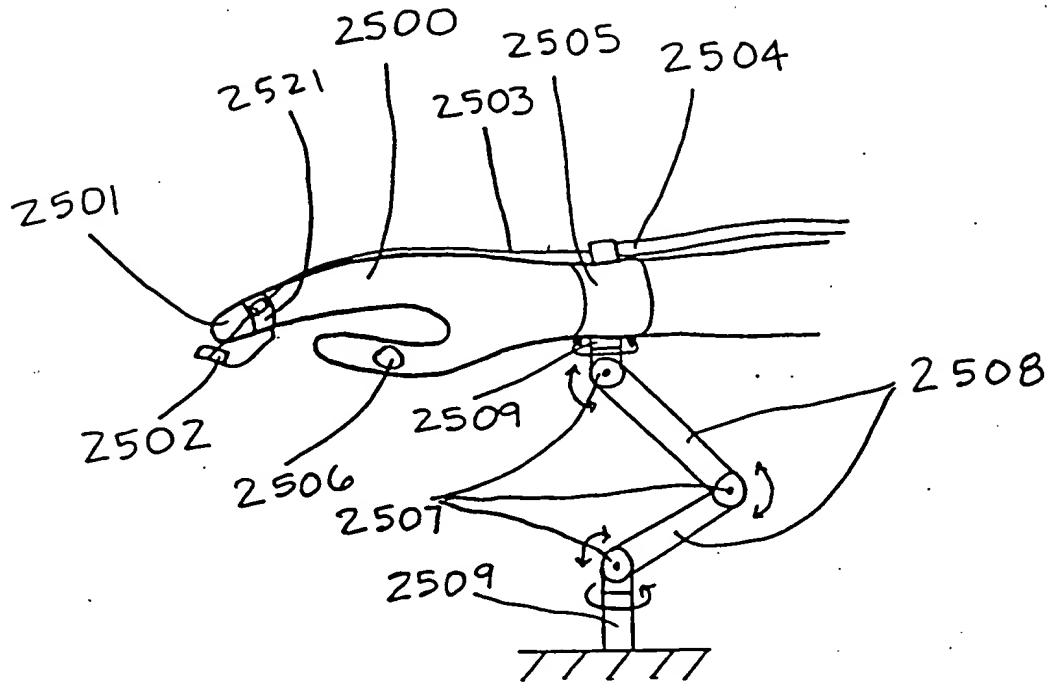

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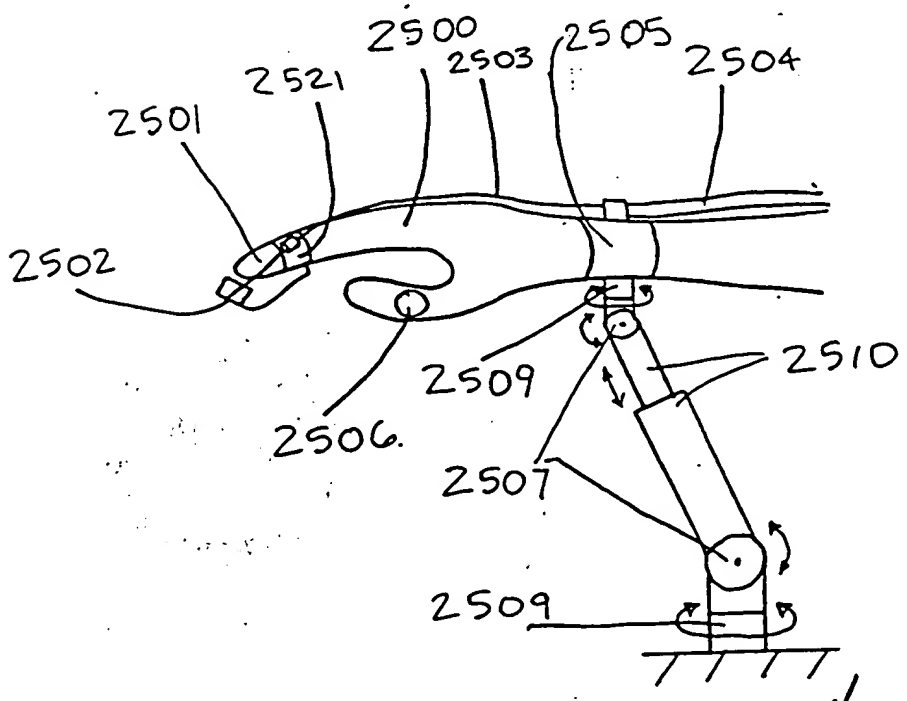

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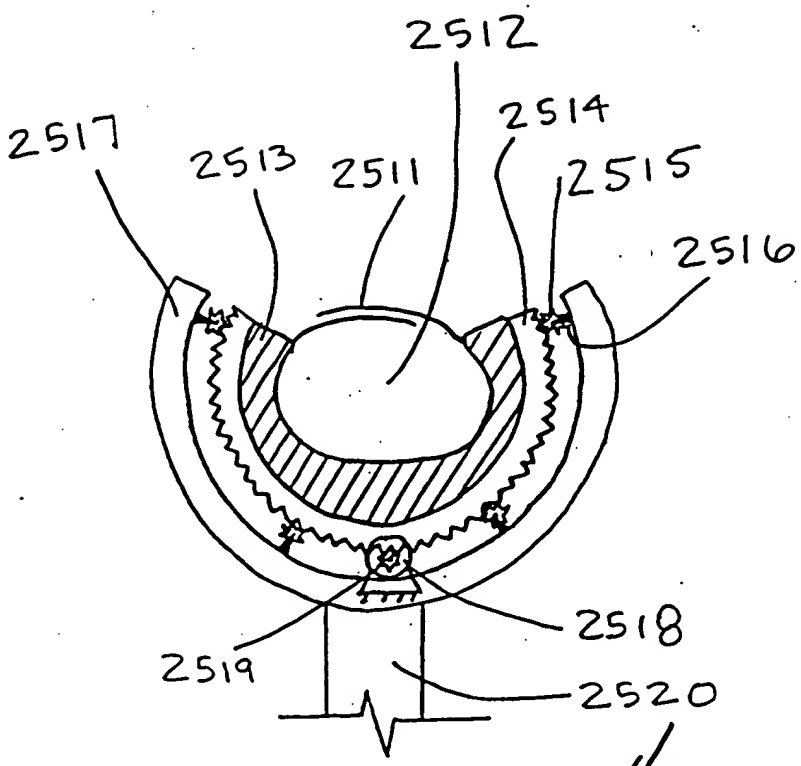

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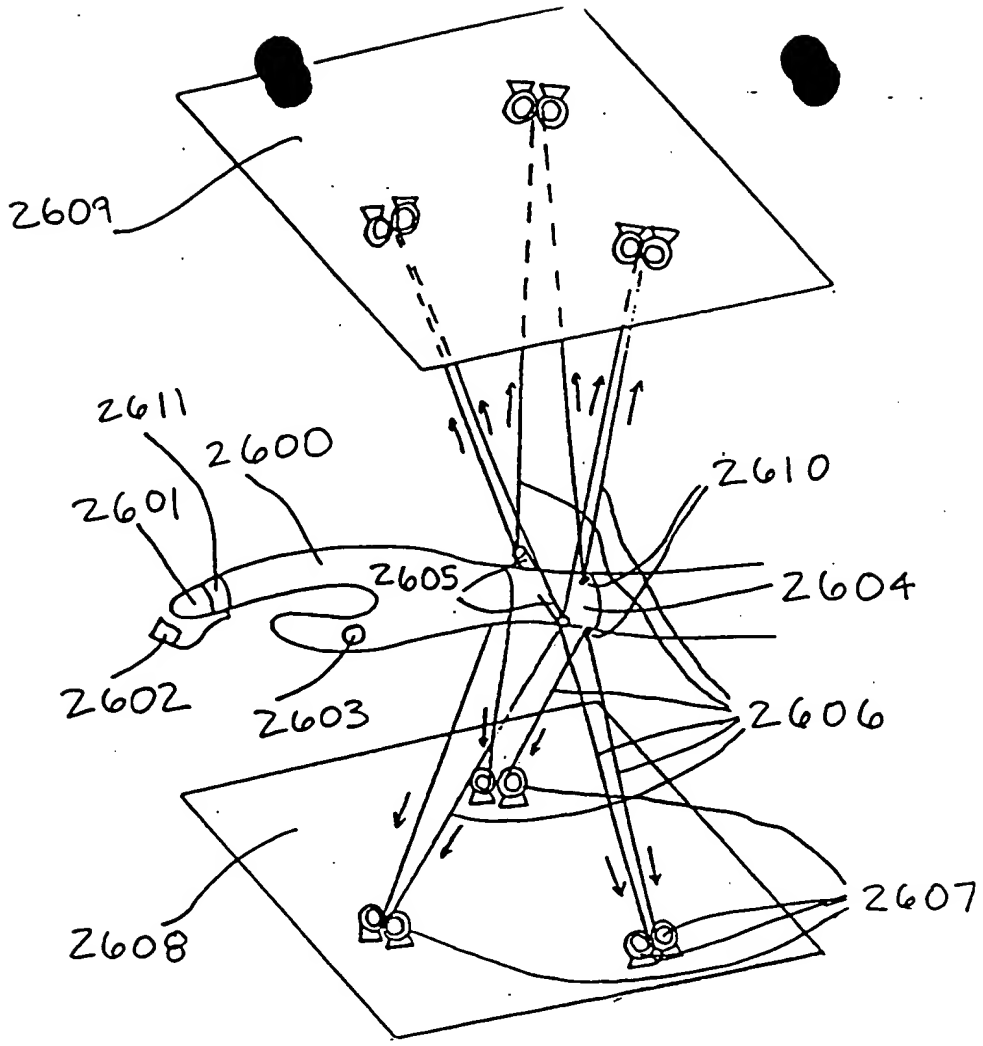

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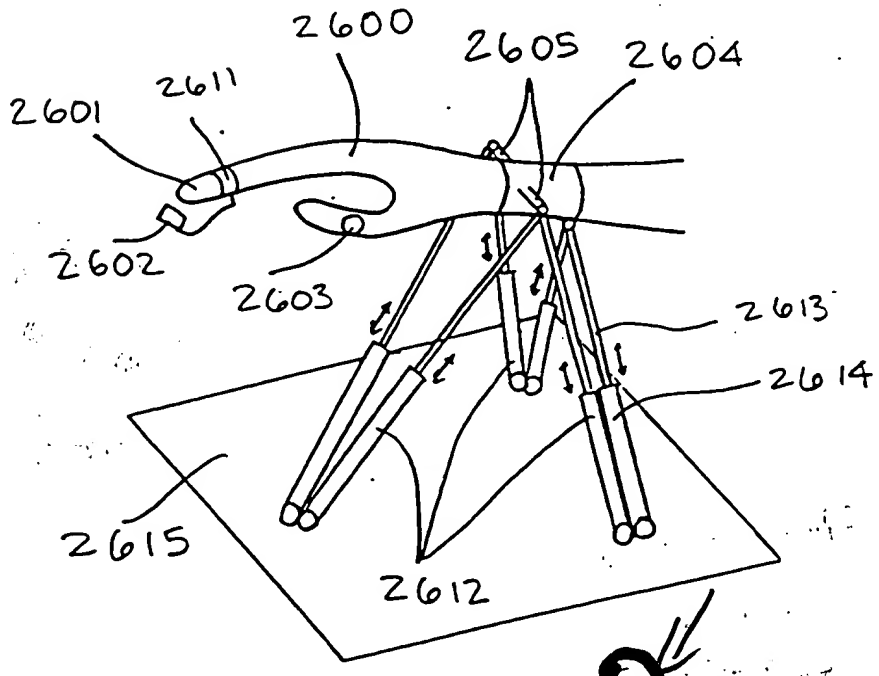

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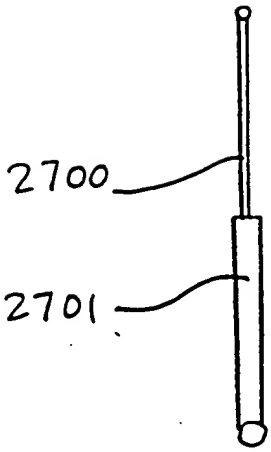

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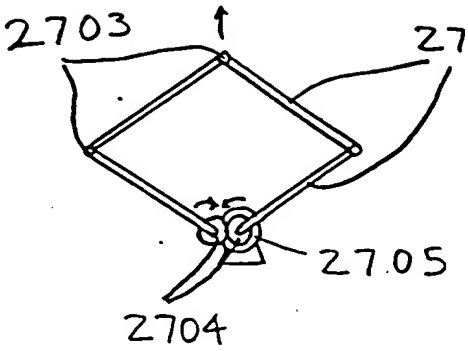

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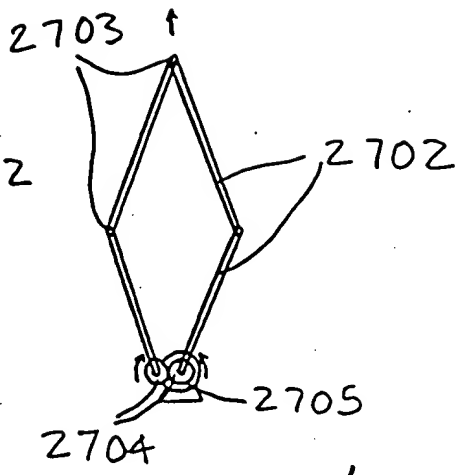

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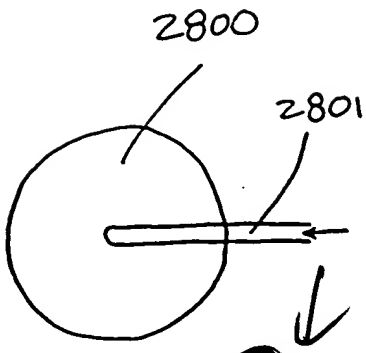

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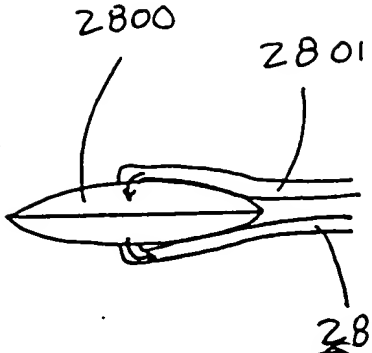

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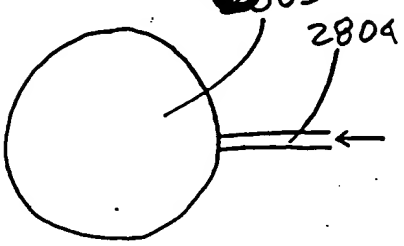

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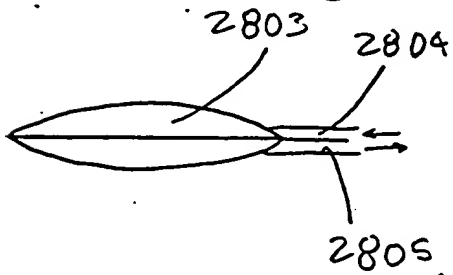

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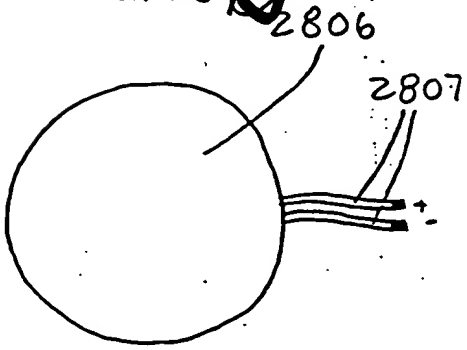

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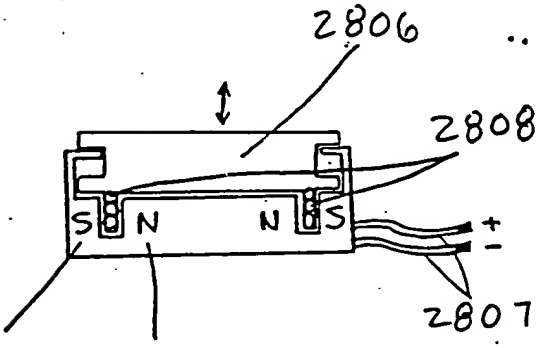

FIG. 28F